

A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of April 4, 2021

All His Benefits

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from Psalm 103. Of David.

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
- ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶ The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.
- ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
- $^{\rm 17}\,\rm But$ the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
 - and his righteousness to children's children,
- ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant

- and remember to do his commandments.
- ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
- ²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!
- ²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!
- ²² Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

For Further Discussion....

- In what ways is David's prayer "personal", reflecting his relationship with the LORD? In what ways is David's prayer "communal", with the big picture in mind? Give one or two examples of each perspective.
- David spends time speaking to his own soul. What is his basic message to his soul?
- David connects the LORD's actions in history to His attributes. Why is this significant?
- The **eagle** a common Biblical metaphor for **spiritual renewal** (5). What things mark **spiritual renewal in this Psalm**?
- Read <u>Exodus 19:4</u>, an "eagle's wings" reference that David certainly has in mind as he prays. What does this show us about the <u>nature of spiritual renewal?</u>
- This Psalm encourages us to bring our sins and weaknesses to the LORD. Share one verse or phrase that strikes you. Why?
- This Psalm shows us the permanence of God's love. Share one verse or phrase that strikes you. Why?
- This Psalm challenges us with the truth of God's sovereign rule. Share one verse or phrase that strikes you. Why?
- Pray together in light of this week's passage.

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